

## FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY

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## Park Authority Sets Public Hearing For Stout Property

The Fairfax County Park Authority will hold a public hearing to receive comment on the acquisition of the Stout property. The 5.88-acre parcel is located in the Sully District at the end of Barnsfield Road east of Route 28 and northeast of the Sully Historic site. This land acquisition would provide a buffer between new development and the historic site, giving additional protection to the historical and cultural resources at Sully. Due to its proximity to the Manassas Gap Railroad built in the 1850's, the Stout property is also likely to contain artifacts of historic significance.

The public hearing is scheduled for Thursday, March 6, 2008, at 7 p.m. in the James McDonnell Room at the Sully District Governmental Center at 4900 Stonecroft Blvd in Chantilly, Virginia.

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved a rezoning for the Dulles Discovery development in January 2007. One of the proffered conditions required the developer, Sully East L.C., to acquire and dedicate this property to the Park Authority. The proffer also stated that in the event that Sully East was not successful in its attempts to acquire the property, the Park Authority would be asked to use its power of eminent domain to acquire the property by condemnation. All costs for the acquisition would be fully paid by the developer, including legal costs.

Sully East has not been successful in acquiring the property and is now requesting the Park Authority use its power of eminent domain to do so. Virginia law requires a public hearing be held prior to the Park Authority's decision to authorize the acquisition of property by eminent domain. If you would like to speak at the upcoming public hearing or would like more information, please contact Public Information Officer Judy Pedersen at 703-324-8662 or send an e-mail to parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov. You may also sign up to speak at the hearing. You can also find information about this acquisition online at <a href="http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/stout.htm">http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/plandev/stout.htm</a>.

The public is invited to submit comments during a 30 day comment period following this hearing. Comments will be received until Saturday, April 5, 2008. Written comments should be sent to David R. Bowden, Director Planning and Development Division, Fairfax County Park Authority, 12055 Government Center Parkway, Suite 406, Fairfax, VA 22035. Email comments can be sent to parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov.

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